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Representative Duane Ankney
Chair House Appropriations Committee
Montana State Capitol
1301 E. 6th Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

RE: Please support HB 471

Dear Representative Ankney and House Appropriations Committee Members,

On behalf of the Montana Dietetic Association, please accept this letter of strong support for HB 471. There is no better investment in our future than providing schools across our state with the opportunity to incorporate wholesome foods grown in Montana into their lunch programs. The administrative costs associated with this program are limited, while providing significant economic benefits to Montana's food and farming economy. The Kalispell public school system has made some progress in this direction but it is critical that a statewide network be developed which will allow all schools a funding mechanism to pilot the use of Montana grown foods. Food service directors have only 1\$ to spend per child per meal and this program would help fund the difference between purchasing local "whole" foods and the cheaper processed products available from national distributors. With the development of new USDA nutrition standards for school lunches, there is no better time to provide Montana children access to healthy foods grown in Montana.

Sincerely,

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